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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, PP
SUBJECT: INDONESIAN-PNG RELATIONS

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1. INDONESIAN AMB. ROEDJITO TOLD ME OCTOBER 9 THAT HE QUESTIONED THE SINCERITY OF THE GPNG IN SIGNING THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF SEPTEMBER 16 IN WHICH PNG GAVE ASSURANCES OF ABSOLUTE RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY OF INDONESIA OVER ALL AREAS LYING WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES AND BOTH GOI AND GPNG REITERATED THEIR OPPOSITION TO ANY POLITICAL SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS (TRANSMITTED UNDER PORT MORESBY A-45). ROEDJITO'S DOUBTS GREW OUT OF AN EPISODE AT THE SIR HUBERT MURRAY STADIUM ON INDEPENDENCE DAY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE FOREIGN DIGNITARIES A FEW HOURS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE.
ROEDJITO SAID THE REBEL IRIAN FLAG WAS CARRIED BY A GROUP OF IRIANESE REFUGEE DANCERS PARTICIPATING IN THE FESTIVITIES. ROEDJITO WAS INCENSED THAT ON AN OFFICIAL OCCASION PUT ON BY THE GPNG THE IRIANESE REFUGEES SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO PERFORM UNDER THE REBEL FLAG. HE PROTESTED TO FONMIN KIKI WHO HAD A SECURITY GUARD
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REMOVE THE FLAG. (COMMENT: I THINK THIS WAS A CASE

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OF THE GPNG'S RIGHT HAND NOT KNOWING WHAT ITS LEFT
HAND IS DOING, RATHER THAN DUPLICITY.)

2. ROEDJITO SAID THAT BORDER FIGHTING CONTINUES.
IRIANESE REFUGEES LIVING NEAR THE BORDER IN PNG CROSS
THE BORDER TO HARASS PEOPLE ON THE OTHER SIDE, AND
THEN FLEE BACK TO PNG. HE SAID THE INDONESIAN ARMY
HAD ASKED PERMISSION TO CROSS THE BORDER TO CATCH THEM,
BUT THE GPNG REFUSED. THE INDONESIANS THEN SAID THAT
THE GPNG WAS OBLIGED TO CONTROL THEM IF THEY WOULD NOT
PERMIT THE INDONESIANS TO DO SO.

3. DURING THE DISCUSSIONS OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE
ROEDJITO SAID THE GPNG HAD AGREED TO GIVE THE IRIANESE
ONE WARNING IF THEY ENGAGED IN BORDER SKIRMISHES OR
POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND IF THE WARNING WAS NOT HEEDED
THEY WOULD BE DEPORTED TO INDONESIA. ROEDJITO DOUBTS
THAT THE GPNG WOULD LIVE UP TO THIS COMMITMENT.

4. ROEDJITO HAS POINTED OUT TO THE GPNG THAT IF THE
IRIANESE TAKE UP PNG CITIZENSHIP AND THEN CONTINUE
THEIR BORDER SKIRMISHES, THE GOI WILL REGARD IT VERY
SERIOUSLY TO HAVE PNG CITIZENS ATTACKING ITS BORDERS.

5. ROEDJITO ALSO SAID HE HAD INVITED BRIG. GEN. DIRO,
COMMANDER OF PNG DEFENSE FORCE, TO VISIT THE INDONESIAN
MILITARY IN DJAYAPURA AND SEE THE MILITARY INSTALLATION
ON THE IRIAN JAYA SIDE OF THE BORDER. DIRO ACCEPTED
BUT WHEN DFRT LEARNED ABOUT IT DIRO WAS MADE TO CANCE
THE TRIP. ROEDJITO THINKS CONROY (AN AUSTRALIAN ADVISOR
WITH LONG EXPERIENCE IN THE GPNG) INFLUENCED KIKI TO CANCE
THE TRIP.
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